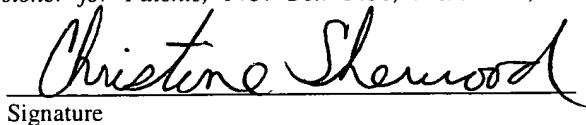


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In response to the Office action of February 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 10 of this paper. A replacement Abstract is enclosed herewith following page 15 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.